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| In re Application of: | : | Before the Examiner: |
| Gerken et al. | : | James S. McClellan |
| Serial No.: 09/672,435 | : | Group Art Unit: 3627 |
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REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF APPEAL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.193(b)(2)(ii)


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 15) having a mailing date of May 18, 2004, reopening prosecution of the above-referenced Application, Applicants respectfully request reinstatement of the Appeal.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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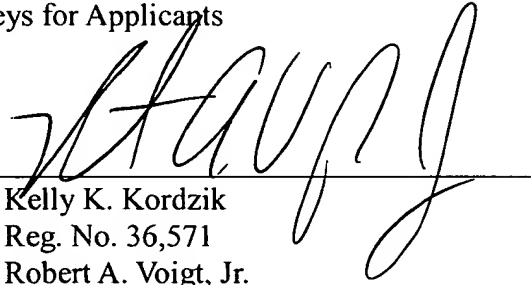
A supplemental appeal brief is filed herewith. M.P.E.P. §1208.02.

Respectfully submitted,

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